

18057. Misbranding of Var-ne-sis for rheumatism. U. S. v. 5½ Dozen Bottles of Var-ne-sis for Rheumatism. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25907. I. S. No. 15737. S. No. 4128.)

Examination of a drug product, known as Var-ne-sis for rheumatism, from the shipment herein described having shown that the bottle and carton label and accompanying mailing card bore statements representing that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Rhode Island.

On February 14, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of five and three-fourths dozen bottles of Var-ne-sis for rheumatism, remaining in the original unbroken packages at Providence, R. I., alleging that the article had been shipped by the Var-ne-sis Co., from Lynn, Mass., on or about January 10, 1931, and had been transported from the State of Massachusetts into the State of Rhode Island, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of sodium salicylate, extracts of plant drugs including glycyrrhiza, alcohol, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative and therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Bottle) "For Rheumatism Such as Sciatic, Lumbago, Muscular Chronic Rheumatic Arthritis, Rheumatic Neuritis * * * Unequaled as a System Purifier;" (carton) "For Rheumatism Such as Sciatic, Lumbago, Muscular, Chronic Rheumatic Arthritis, Rheumatic Neuritis * * * Recommended to You by hundreds of former Rheumatic sufferers. * * * Tone up the System, Build up the General Health, Drive Poison From the System Through the Natural Channels of the Body, Keep the Organs of the Body Functioning as They Were Designed to Function and Much Disease Will Be Avoided;" (mailing card) "Conquers Rheumatism."

On March 7, 1931, no claimant having appeared for the property, judgment of condemnation and forfeiture was entered, and it was ordered by the court that the product be destroyed by the United States marshal.

ARTHUR M. HYDE, *Secretary of Agriculture.*

18058. Misbranding of Jarabe de Kofressi Contra el Reumatismo. U. S. v. 3½ Dozen Bottles of Jarabe de Kofressi Contra el Reumatismo. Default decree of condemnation, forfeiture, and destruction. (F. & D. No. 25888. I. S. No. 5744. S. No. 4134.)

Examination of the drug product herein described having shown that the carton and bottle labels and accompanying circular contained statements representing that the article possessed curative and therapeutic properties which it did not, the Secretary of Agriculture reported the matter to the United States attorney for the District of Porto Rico.

On February 17, 1931, the United States attorney filed in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid a libel praying seizure and condemnation of three and one-half dozen bottles of Jarabe de Kofressi Contra el Reumatismo at Ponce, P. R., alleging that the article was in possession of Moscoso Hno. & Co., S en C, Ponce, P. R., and was being sold and offered for sale in Porto Rico, and charging misbranding in violation of the food and drugs act as amended.

Analysis of a sample of the article by this department showed that it consisted essentially of potassium iodide, guaiacol, extracts of plant drugs, sugar, and water.

It was alleged in the libel that the article was misbranded in that the following statements appearing in the labeling, regarding the curative or therapeutic effects of the said article, were false and fraudulent, since it contained no ingredient or combination of ingredients capable of producing the effects claimed: (Translation from Spanish, carton) "For the treatment of Muscular and Acute Rheumatism, Inflammation due to Gout, Lumbago and Sciatica;" (bottle) "Anti-Rheumatic * * * for the treatment of Articular and Muscular Rheumatism, Sciatica, Inflammatory Rheumatism, all acute manifestations of Rheumatism and Gout. The best Depurative for the Impurities of the